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# ***NEWS RELEASE***

## ***Police Memorial Ceremony***

On Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., the San Antonio Police Department will hold a day of homage for our 48 officers who have been killed in the line of duty. A ceremony will be held in the courtyard of the Police Training Academy, 12200 S.E. Loop 410 at Moursund Rd., to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

The President of the United States George W. Bush has declared May 11-17 as National Law Enforcement Week and Mayor Phil Hardberger has proclaimed Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> as "Police Memorial Day".

In the Proclamation, Mayor Hardberger states: "... Police officers daily sacrifice their lives to uphold the laws enacted by its people and without their devotion to duty and to the people they serve, our many freedoms, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, could be circumvented by persons intent on harming society...it is important that our people know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of the police department and the necessity for cooperating with them in maintaining law and order...it is fitting and proper that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of the San Antonio Police Department and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all our citizens..."

For this, the San Antonio Police Department will have a Memorial Service which will be highlighted by a 21-Gun Salute, the Sounding of Taps, a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace", and a fly-over all done by San Antonio Police Officers. This, for the 48 officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, their own lives.

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